



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: NUTRIENT MEDIUM WHICH CAN BE USED AS A CULTURE MEDIUM FOR
EPIDERMAL CELLS AND APPLICATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1 of the claims, line 1, change "CLAIMS" to --What is claimed is:--

line 2, delete "in response to the second written opinion".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and add the following new claims 19-69:

--19. A composition for topical use comprising:

(a) a complex nutrient medium comprising at least some amino acids, a vitamin, a cell growth factor, and an inorganic salt, wherein said medium supports viable in vitro growth of human epidermal keratinocytes with at least one clonal proliferation of said keratinocytes in the first passage, and